

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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SETTING UP OF LPG AGENCIES IN GUJARAT
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) the names of places in Banskantha and Patan districts of Gujarat where Liquefied Petroleum Gas Agencies have been established and since when;
- (b) the number of additional connections of liquefied petroleum gas provided to these agencies during each of the last three years;
- (c) the number of persons registered with these agencies for new connections during the above period; and
- (d) the details of additional connections released and the number of persons in the waiting list, agency-wise in these districts?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA PATEL)

(a) : Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) have reported that at present, the LPG requirement in Banaskantha and Patan districts of Gujarat is being catered by 12 and 8 LPG distributorships. The names of locations and dates of establishment of the LPG distributorships are available with the Directors (Marketing) of the concerned OMCs.

(b) to (d) : The enrolment of new LPG customers and release of new LPG connections is a continuous process. OMCs have reported that at present, new LPG connections are available across the counter for genuine domestic customers. OMCs have further reported that they have released 8041, 7035 and 9369 new LPG connections in Banaskantha District and 3239, 3180 and 4713 new LPG connections in Patan District of Gujarat during the period 2005-06; 2006-07 and 2007-08 respectively. At present, there is no waiting list pending with the OMCs for release of new LPG connection by their LPG distributors operating in Banaskantha and Patan districts of Gujarat.